



SDDA
Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority
134 East Main Street ~ Village Office: 517-851-7435
Wednesday May 18, 2011
Unapproved Minutes

7:05 CALL TO ORDER – C.G. Lantis

- **Roll Call – Present:** Mark Shepherd, Tina Dowis, Dan Wilson, Ken Ransom, Tom Lovachis, Janet Long, Don Byrd. **Absent:** Annabell Howard. **Also present:** John Gormley, attorney.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approval of April 20, 2011 meeting minutes – Motion** Shepherd **second** Byrd. Motion carried.
- **Amend agenda to include approval of agenda – Motion** Wilson **second** Byrd. Motion carried.
Motion to approve agenda as amended – Motion Wilson **second** Byrd. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT

- **Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$41,949.04 – Wilson, second** Shepherd. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – ACME Antiques. Committee reported and recommended that ACME Antiques, as a business that was already established, did not qualify for the Incubator program. Deferred to Gormley for legal explanation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Sarah Brunette expressed her disappointment at having been disqualified from the Incubator program, and also that the reason she had chosen to open her business here rather than somewhere else was because Dan Dancer and Jackie Scheller had assured her that she would qualify for rental assistance through the Incubator program.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Planting the Industrial Park Lot/ 2nd Phase – Motion** to pursue the farming of the Industrial Park, Lantis, **second** Long. Motion carried. Farming Committee appointed by Lantis, to include himself and Ransom.
- **Volunteer Projects – Motion** Lantis to establish a \$200 budget for supplies for the beautification of the Wood Street Parking Lot area, **second** Wilson. Motion carried. Discussion on watering planters in the Village. DPW watered in the past; however, the DPW is currently only working 4 days a week. Volunteerism discussed for watering. Monica English volunteered to water for the month of June. Lantis volunteered to water for July. Open months left August through September or October depending on weather.
- **Revolving Loan Fund/Business Incubator programs – Motion** to not accept nor act on any applications for the Incubator program for the remainder of the fiscal year, Byrd, **second** Wilson. Motion carried. **Motion** to table discussion of Revolving Loan Program until the June 15 SDDA meeting, Lantis, **second** Shepherd. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Suzi Greenway – All Clubs Day – Greenway** gave presentation on the 5th Annual All Clubs Day. Discussion on closing roads as being under the purview of the Village, and that Greenway would need to notify the Village Police Committee to have an officer on duty. Approval of the budgeted \$1000 for All Clubs Day, to be paid on submission of individual invoices for billing purposes.
- **Blossom/Crockett Easements – Gormley** discussed additional issues with Blossoms, Post Office needs to sign off on lease agreements. Final draft expected next week. Crockett (Clyde) needs to sign deeds, and the judge may order.
- **Manning Lawsuit – Gormley** states that SDDA has very strong case, with very good documentation done by Chris. Motion was filed to dismiss based on arbitration. Expecting an answer June 15, 2011.

- **MISHDA** – Discussed Howard’s upcoming meeting with Bruce Johnston on May 24. Shepherd and Lantis volunteered to take the meeting if Howard was unable to attend.
- **Desine,Inc** – advised that bids will be held until August 2nd.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Heath Corey discussed combining the volunteer efforts of the Township and the DDA for the various Village beautification projects. Create a list that would be available to people at the township offices and the Village offices to sign up and volunteer.

Doug Mills spoke on the switch boxes on the Wood Street parking lot being wide open and unlocked.

Motion Lantis to go back into New Business and add Wood Street Parking Lot Circuit **second** Byrd. Also discussed sinking protective poles around circuit box.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Lantis, **second** Wilson. Motion carried